

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claims 16 to 25 (cancelled).

1           26. (Previously presented) A method of making a pipe  
2 assembly which comprises the steps of:

3           a. forming a pipe having an end and provided with an  
4 internal wear-resistant coating resistant to chemical attack and of  
5 uniform thickness over a length of said pipe;

6           b. removing part of said internal coating to provide an  
7 annular recess at said end forming a housing while leaving a  
8 remainder of said internal coating around said recess continuing as  
9 an in-line prolongation of said internal coating to the end face of  
10 said pipe; and

11           c. inserting a tubular first portion of a pipe fitting  
12 into said housing at said end and anchoring said tubular first  
13 portion therein, said tubular first portion being provided with an  
14 internal wear-resistant and chemical-attack-resistant coating so  
15 that an interior surface thereof is flush with an interior surface  
16 of the internal coating of the pipe adjacent said fitting, said  
17 fitting having a second portion external of said pipe and integral  
18 with said first portion for connection to another pipe fitting.

1                   27. (Previously presented)   The method defined in claim  
2   26, further comprising the steps of fitting a clamping member over  
3   said pipe around said tubular first portion.